

- Old Hammock Road (SR 1512)

It is recommended to widen entire length of roadway to two 12-foot lanes. This will improve safety and increase the capacity of the roadway.

Upon the Town's request, it is recommended that Old Hammock Road be designated a bicycle route. This addition will provide a needed link to the transportation network by connecting the *Jacksonville to the Sea* and the *Swansboro Bicentennial Trail* routes.

In accordance with State regulations and depending on the preferred cross section, improvements should include AASHTO standard bicycle-safe bridge railing height of 54" at any new bridge locations, wide outside lanes (4-ft) in curb and gutter sections, and wide paved shoulders (4-ft) in both directions of shoulder sections.

Swansboro's Plan and Report are a result of a coordinated effort between Town Staff, Council Members and the citizens of Swansboro. The Town Commissioners adopted the Swansboro Comprehensive Transportation Plan on August 15, 2006. Although the Town Commissioners adopted this plan, it should be noted that the Town does not support the designation of NC 24 as an expressway. The North Carolina Department of Transportation adopted this plan on November 2, 2006.

Implementation of the plan rests largely with the Town of Swansboro and its citizens. The Town should work with the Down East Rural Planning Organization to prioritize their transportation needs. This organization is responsible for presenting the transportation needs to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Transportation needs throughout the State exceed the available funding; therefore, local areas should aggressively pursue funding for the projects they desire.